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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-41. (canceled)
- 42-82. (canceled)
- 83-102. (canceled)
- 103. (currently amended) An essentially toxic-metal free liquid additive composition for use as at least a partial replacement of toxic metal stabilizer additive compositions for use in vinyl-containing resins, wherein the essentially toxic-free composition consists essentially of:
 - (a) at least one phosphite ester selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) triaryl phosphites and C₁₋₀ alkyl-substituted derivatives thereof,
 - (ii) C₈₋₁₅ alkyl phosphites,
 - (iii) mixed phosphites having at least one C₈₋₁₅ alkyl moiety and at least one aryl moiety therein, a combination of said moieties totaling three,
 - (iv) <u>a</u> C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites <u>and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof;</u>
 - (v) poly-and mono-alkylene glycol-phosphites,
 - (vi) C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphites,
 - (vii) mono- and di- C₈₋₁₅ alkyl p-cumyl phenol phosphites, and
 - (viii) blends thereof:
 - (b) 0.05 to 0.4 mole percent a zinc additive; and
 - (c) 4 to 10 mole percent phosphorus wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn is from about 80:1 to 4:1.
- 104. (currently amended) The composition of claim 103 wherein
 - (a) said zinc is from 0.1 to 0.3 mole percent; and said ratio is from about 75:1 to 6:1.
 - (b) said phosphorus is from 5 to 8 mole percent.
- 105. (currently amended) The composition of claim 104 wherein
 - (a) said zinc is from 0.15 to 0.25 mole percent zinc; and said ratio is from about 73:1 to 8:1.
 - (b) said phosphorus is from 6 to 7 mole percent.
- 106. (currently amended) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of

triaryl-phosphites and C₁₋₀ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (I)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
 & O \\
\hline
 & R^1_m
\end{array}$$

wherein

R⁴——is independently selected from the group consisting of H
and C₁₋₀ alkyl, and

m --- is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

C₈₋₁₅ trialkyl phosphites of formula (II)

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^2 - O - P \\ \end{bmatrix}_3$$
(III)

wherein

 R^2 —is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-15} -alkyl, mixed-phosphites having at least-one C_{8-15} -alkyl moiety and at least-one aryl moiety of formula (III)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
 & O \\
\hline
 & P \\
\hline
 & 3-n
\end{array}$$
(III)

wherein

R¹ is as previously defined,

R² is as previously defined,

m is as previously defined, and

n is an integral value from 1 to 2,

 C_{10-15} alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) and C_{1-9} alkyl substituted derivatives thereof,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^3 - O)_2 - P - O & & \\
R^1_m & & \\
(IV)
\end{bmatrix}$$

wherein

R¹ is <u>independently selected from the group consisting of H</u>
<u>and C₁₋₉ alkyl</u> as previously defined;

 R^3 is C_{10-15} alkyl; and

m is <u>an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive.</u> as previously defined.

poly- and di- alkylene glycol phosphites of formula (V)

wherein

R¹ is as previously defined;

m is as previously defined; and

p is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

C₈₋₁₅ pentaerythritol phosphitos of formula (VI) and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof,

$$R^4 - O - P - O - R^4$$
(V4)

wherein

R⁴ is the same as R⁴, and

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mono- and di- C₈₋₁₅-alkyl *p*-cumyl phonol phosphites and C₁₋₄-alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (VII)

wherein

R⁵——is the same as R¹.

- 107. (previously presented) The composition of claim 106 wherein
 - (a) a percentage weight loss of said composition as measured as a difference between a start and an end weight of said composition as measured after exposure to two hours at 110°C, is less than 1% by weight.
- 108. (previously presented) The composition of claim 107 wherein
 - (a) a percentage weight loss is less than 0.5% by weight.
- 109. (canceled)
- 110. (canceled)
- 111. (canceled)
- 112. (canceled)
- 113. (currently amended) An additive composition for polyvinyl chloride resin which consists essentially of:
 - (a) at least one phosphite ester selected from the group consisting of

 <u>a</u> C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl bisphenol-A phosphites of formula (IV) <u>and C₁₋₉ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof</u>,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
(R^3 - O)_2 - P - O & & \\
& R^1_m
\end{bmatrix}_2 C(CH_3)_2$$
(IV)

wherein

R¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁₋₉ alkyl,

R³ is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl, and

m is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive, and

poly- and di- alkylene glycol phosphites of formula (V)

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(∀)

wherein

R¹——is-as-previously defined;

m is as previously defined; and

p is an integral value from 0 to 1 inclusive,

C₈₋₁₅-pentaerythritol phosphites of formula (VI) and C₁₋₉ alkyl-substituted derivatives thereof,

$$R^4 - O - P - O - R^4$$

wherein

R⁴ is the same as R⁴, and

mono- and di- C₈₋₁₅ alkyl *p*-cumyl phonol phosphites and C₁₋₄ alkyl substituted derivatives thereof of formula (VII)

wherein

R⁵——is the same as R¹⊹and

- (a) zinc wherein a molar ratio of P/Zn ranges from 80:1 to 4:1.
- 114. (previously presented) The composition of claim 113 wherein
 - (a) said molar ratio of P/Zn ranges from 75:1 to 6:1; and
 - (b) said zinc is a zinc carboxylate.
- 115. (previously presented) The composition of claim 114 wherein
 - (a) said molar ratio of P/Zn ranges from 73:1 to 8:1; and
 - (b) said zinc carboxylate is selected from the group consisting of zinc octoate, zinc 2-ethylhexoate, zinc hexoate, zinc neodecoate, zinc decoate, zinc dodecanoate, zinc isostearate, zinc oleate,

zinc stearate, zinc tallow fatty acids, zinc palmitate, zinc myristate, zinc laurate, and zinc benzoate.

- 116. (canceled)
- 117. (canceled)
- 118. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1173 wherein
 - (a) said phosphite ester is selected from the group consisting of C_{12-15} bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (VIII) and

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{12-15}H_{25-31}O)_2 - P - O - O \\ \\ (VIII) \end{bmatrix}^2$$

C₁₀ bisphenol-A phosphite of formula (IX)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (C_{10}H_{21}O)_2 - P - O - O - C(CH_3)_2 \\ (IX). \end{bmatrix}$$

- 119. (canceled)
- 120. (canceled)
- 121. (canceled)
- 122. (canceled)
- 123. (canceled)